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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

S I R:

Prior to the issuance of an Office Action, amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (Amended) A subscriber testing system according to claim 1, wherein a field of an information element subsequent to a field of a message type in the V5 interface protocol is used for specifying a test type of the subscriber test.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5 remain in this application. Claim 5 was amended to correct a multiple dependency.

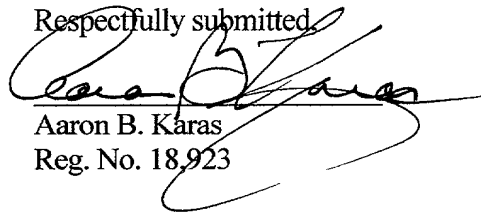
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to claim 5 by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claim 5 has been amended as follows:

5. (Amended) A subscriber testing system according to claim 1, ~~3 or 4~~ wherein a field of an information element subsequent to a field of a message type in the V5 interface protocol is used for specifying a test type of the subscriber test.